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## **Public input sought on delayed unemployment benefits**

**Lansing** – Workers and families affected by backlogged unemployment benefits are encouraged to attend a Senate hearing next week and to submit written testimony on their personal experiences with system backlogs.

“This is a critical issue for Michigan’s workers and families,” said Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development. “We need to find out why so many unemployed workers are still waiting for their cases to be resolved so they can receive their benefit payments, and why it still takes so long to get through the system.”

The hearing is set for Wednesday, March 10 at 3 p.m. in Farnum Bldg., Rm. 110, 125 E. Allegan St., Lansing. Those wishing to speak at the meeting will be allotted three minutes on a first-come, first-served basis, and the meeting will be held to one hour. While not required, individuals are encouraged to submit written testimony to ensure their voices are heard on this very important issue.

Written testimony can be sent directly to Garcia’s office at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536, via fax at (517) 373-2764, or via email at [senvgarcia@senate.mi.gov](mailto:senvgarcia@senate.mi.gov).

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